

Abstract and Brief Summary of the Invention (Presently Amended)

A workflow system supports the processing of computer files in a business process where each file is designated a classification that denotes the business or technical function of the file. The business process is divided into a sequence of steps where each step is executed by a person or system. A step can direct the attachment or download of file with a specified classification for that step. The business process is implemented using a workflow system with a route that represent the sequence of steps by a corresponding sequence of route steps. A route step to attach a file provides the specified classification of the file to be attached and a file attachment function. The file is stored in a workflow associated file system. A route step to download a file provides the file classification and a file download function.